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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Winston Donald Keech

Serial No.: 09/915,271

Filed: July 27, 2001

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IDENTITY VERIFICATION DURING SECURE
TRANSACTIONS

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Group Art Unit: 2152

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to substantive examination on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary
Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 24 through 31.

REMARKS

Claims 24-31 are cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to claim the subject matter of
claims 24-31 in this application.

Claims 1-23 are presently under consideration.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this
response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite
the prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0653.

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